

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant elects the claims of Group II, comprising claims 4-11, without traverse. Amended claim 12 and newly presented claim 13 are within Group II and should be examined in this application.

The present invention is directed to an installation for producing a non-woven fabric comprising a spun-bonded web of filaments. The web is deposited on a first conveyor and then passed to consolidation devices. As the web is passed to the consolidation devices, the installation preserves the ratio of the tensile strength of the web in the length direction to the tensile strength of the web in the cross direction. To that end, claim 1 has been amended to recite a first movable conveying element (e.g. 5) and a second movable conveying element (e.g. 4) in order to emphasize the conveying functions of the elements which cooperate to preserve the tensile ratio of the web as it is passed to the consolidation station. This is described throughout the application. For example, see page 2, lines 9-15.

The terminology of claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 has been amended to conform to the amended terminology of claim 4.

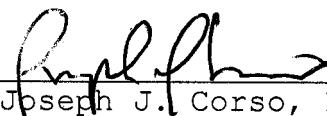
Claim 12 has been amended to an installation claim format and the claim is included in Group II.

Newly presented claim 13 is directed to the installation feature wherein the linear speed of the second movable conveying element is less than that of the conveyor. This is described throughout the application. For example, see page 2, lines 16-18 and page 4, lines 10-12.

Claims 4 - 13 are in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is hereby requested.

If there are any fees required by this amendment, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. CAB-38032.

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